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NCUR presenters work to save the world



Kathy Pusey photo

From left to right, NCUR conference host Ronald Dotterer and plenary speakers Thomas Horton and Dr. Tyrone Hayes

By Michel Elben
Staff Writer

"If you're going to save the world, make sure you have fun and save yourself first," said Thomas Horton, an environmental writer and one of the plenary speakers during the National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR), which took place from Thursday, April 10 until Saturday, April 12, at SU.

Horton, the second of the four scheduled keynote speakers, spoke to an almost packed auditorium in Holloway Hall on Thursday afternoon. Other speakers included

Tyrone Hayes, Professor of Integrative Biology at the University of California, Berkeley; Rudy Bednar, producer and director of original documentaries; and Ann Foerst, Assistant Professor of Computer Science at St. Bonaventure University, NY.

An Eastern Shore native, Horton demonstrated his knowledge of the Chesapeake Bay watershed and the effects of human interaction on its surroundings.

"There is nothing like that juxtaposition of land and water anywhere else on the continent," Horton said.

Horton said that one-fifth of the watermen employed on the Bay are

primarily oyster fishermen. This is one genus that faces incredible risks. "The Chesapeake Bay is so shallow that we can't afford to continue to pollute it," Horton said.

Horton used Smith Island as an example of the genera that affect each other and the island itself. Horton said that each genus, such as crabs, and boat building, play an intricate part in Smith Island's culture as well as its livelihood.

"We need to become more connected to our environments in order to truly heal them," Horton said.

In between sessions, tours of campus and various receptions, students busily presented their research to sometimes crammed and sometimes less than crowded classrooms.

Each student had their own unique take on how their research might save the world.

Undergraduates presented their research on a variety of topics, ranging from a dance presentation on the mind-body connection to an oral presentation on the economic aspects of ethanol. This year's NCUR included more than 50 disciplines.

A large portion of the research throughout the diverse disciplines and universities seemed to echo the "Go Green" campaign within the media and reflect the concerns of the current undergraduate population throughout the nation.

Plenary speaker Rudy Bednar exhibited his future projects for ABC and his vision for documentaries. "The #1 rule is to surprise your audience," he said.

SEE NCUR Pg. 2

Chief Ed Lashley to resign

By Alex Ruoff
Staff Writer

University Police Chief Edwin Lashley has tendered his resignation from SU and has accepted a position under the State Comptroller.

"Retiring from the state police was a no-brainer," Lashley said. "This is the toughest decision I've ever had to make. I've felt like I'm a part of the university family here and it will be hard to go."

Lashley came to SU three years ago after retiring a lieutenant colonel and chief of field operations for the Maryland State Police. He is a 28-year state police veteran and Salisbury native.

"I think I've made a difference and have accomplished everything I wanted to do in the past three years," Lashley said.

Lashley has accepted the position of the head of the field enforcement division under state Comptroller Peter Franchot. He will lead the Comptroller's efforts to enforce the state's revenue laws relating to alcoholic beverages, tobacco, motor fuels, business

lases, and the sales and use tax. According to the comptroller's Web site, the field division consists of a team of sworn police personnel and civilian field inspectors who combat the sale of untaxed cigarettes and alcohol through investigations of retail businesses and the monitoring of the transportation and storage of motor fuel to verify that retail locations are complying with regulations governing pricing labeling and registration.

"It's a lot like Elliot Ness," Lashley said. "I feel that my career here and with the state police has given me the skills to fill this position."

Lashley leaves behind a short, but lasting legacy. He is proud of his accomplishments at SU, which include an improved emergency response system and a new, bigger location for the department on the East Campus.

Lashley is most proud of the growth and maturity of his student officers who have become a great asset to his department in improving the relationship between the campus community and local law enforcement.

"I'm very proud of the relationship I have built with the SGA and the rest of the campus community," Lashley said. "We've worked together on university and community issues. I'm proud that this year we're having another outdoor concert that should go off without a glitch and am hoping we have a safe and fun concert."

Chief Lashley will leave SU on May 2 and Lieutenant Mike Nicolas will be interim chief until a replacement can be found.



Telecia Taylor photo

SU Police Chief Edwin Lashley

Counseling Services conducts first alcohol screening

By Michelle Hinkle
Staff Writer

How often do you have a drink containing alcohol? The Salisbury University Counseling Center hosted National Alcohol Screening Day in The Commons last week to offer testing, scores and practical suggestions pertaining to drinking.

"Alcohol is a problem on campus and for any college population," said Graduate Intern Jason Yoder.

All students were invited to complete a short multiple-choice screening test to identify drinking habits that could become problematic. The Counseling Services staff weighed the scores from the questionnaire and met one on one with participants to review their results.

The Counseling Center encourages students that need help managing their drinking to take advantage of

their services.

Salisbury University has joined the ranks of nearly 12,000 facilities that offer alcohol screenings.

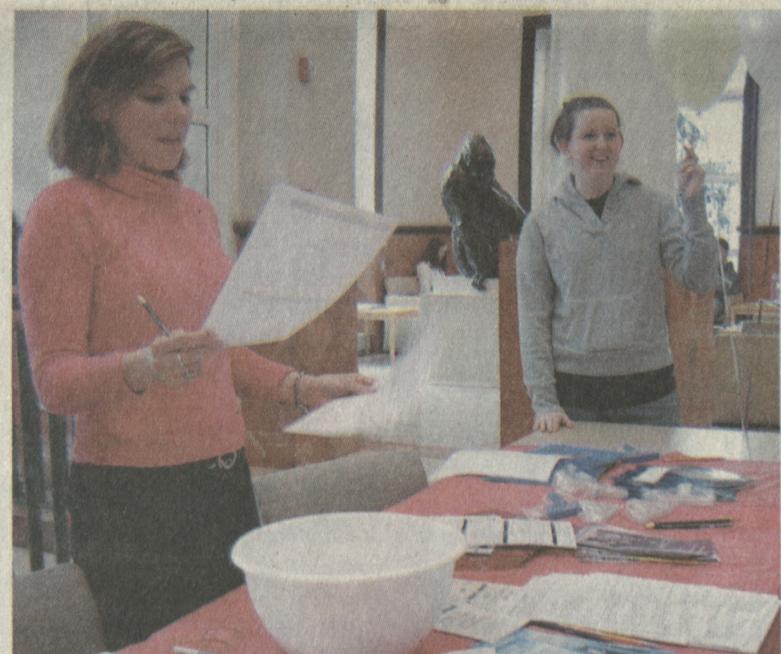
Yoder said that the screening day was not targeted toward any specific groups on campus, but designed to benefit anyone that was interested in taking the survey.

Have you ever felt guilt or remorse after drinking? According to the Director of Student Counseling Services Dr. Kathleen Scott, school and health can suffer from irresponsible drinking. Scott said safety becomes an issue with alcohol because of an increase in things like drunk driving and sexual behaviors.

Screening for Mental Health, Inc., the founder of National Alcohol Screening Day, reports that 600,000 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 are unintentionally injured under the influence of alcohol. Scott said counseling is used to identify a pattern of significant drinking which can become problematic. Students who choose to utilize the counseling center receive confidential advice and support.

All students that participated in the event were entered into a raffle for a gift certificate to the campus bookstore. 118 students participated in the screening.

Anyone who was unable to attend National Alcohol Screening Day can visit www.salisbury.edu/counseling/ and take the mental health self assessment. This online test form offers similar advice to that offered at Wednesday's event. The Counseling Center has previously sponsored depression and eating disorder awareness days on campus and is constantly trying to lend a helping hand to students.



Telecia Taylor photo

Counselor Dawn Harner explains the alcohol screening survey to students outside of the Commons last week.

Salisbury hosts beach party for NCUR presenters

By Sean Gossard
News/Global Editor

The gentle, Caribbean sound of a steel drum band created the perfect atmosphere to begin the beach party Salisbury University set up for the 22nd anniversary of NCUR.

The event kicked off on Friday at 5:30 p.m. as buses shuttled visitors from hotels all around Salisbury, Fruitland and Ocean City.

"It's fun," said Sudhir Dahal, a junior from Nepal studying chemistry at Towson University. Dahal had a kiosk presentation on Raman Spectroscopy on Saturday.

The party had plenty of things to do in order to keep the young researchers busy. There was a catered meal, Segway rides, caricatures and music, both from the steel drum band and blues group Muskrat Sally. Along with the activities,

there was a sand sculpture of the 22nd NCUR logo and several tons of sand trucked in to fill the sidewalk between Henson Science Hall and the parking lot, complete with inflatable palm trees and beach chairs.

Nearly 2,400 students from 400 institutions all around the country were in attendance at NCUR.

Nicole Jorissen of Minnesota State University in Mankato, Minnesota, flew almost 1,200 miles to present on biochemistry.

"It is a lot like Mankato here," Jorissen said of Salisbury. "I'm having a pretty good time."

Visitors to the area got lucky with great weather, a change from the cold rain that came earlier last week. Even the thunderstorms originally forecasted for Friday afternoon held off until mid-day Saturday.

"It is just perfect," Vice President of



Sarah Wright photo

NCUR participants soak up the sun at Friday's beach party.

TUESDAY 4/15/08	WEDNESDAY 4/16/08	THURSDAY 4/17/08	FRIDAY 4/18/08	SATURDAY 4/19/08	SUNDAY 4/20/08	MONDAY 4/21/08
HIGH 58	HIGH 64	HIGH 69	HIGH 69	HIGH 66	HIGH 70	HIGH 64
SUNNY	SUNNY	SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY	FEW SHOWERS	SHOWERS
LOW 42	LOW 46	LOW 53	LOW 54	LOW 51	LOW 52	LOW 52

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News briefs

Fugitive Slaves' is Washburn Lecture Series Topic April 15

The Wilcomb Washburn Distinguished Lecture series returns to Salisbury University 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, with Dr. Richard J.M. Blackett, abolitionist historian and Andrew Jackson, Professor of History at Vanderbilt University.

Blackett speaks on "Taking Leave: Fugitive Slaves and the Politics of Slavery: 1850-1860" in the Wicomico Room of the Guerrieri University Center.

He has authored several books on the abolitionist movement in the United States, including *Divided Hearts: Britain and the American Civil War* (2001), *Thomas Morris Chester: Black Civil War Correspondent* (1989), *Beating Against the Barriers: Biographical Essays in Nineteenth-Century Afro-American History* (1986) and *Building an Anti-Slavery Wall: Black Americans in the Atlantic Abolitionist Movement 1830-1860* (1983).

SU Dance Company Presents Spring Concert April 23-26

The Salisbury University Dance Company, directed by Dr. Victoria Hutchinson, hosts its annual Spring Concert 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, April 23-26, in Holloway Hall Auditorium. The program of this popular dance production features seven new and reconstructed works by guest, faculty and student choreographers and a classical ballet performed by The Dancer's Salisbury Ensemble. The Spring Concert benefits Relay For Life and the mission of the American Cancer Society to eliminate cancer as a major health issue and provide services in the community.

Warren Art on Display for First Time in 73 Years

Frank Algeron Warren's dynamic and provocative paintings will be exhibited publicly for the first time in 73 years. Warren (1865-1935) last exhibited his work at the National Academy of Design in New York City just before his death in 1935. After a train accident took his life, his family preserved his work in the family home. His heirs recently opened the collection and will exhibit his works at the Atum Gallery of Salisbury University's Guerrieri University Center from April 19-May 28. A reception is 5-7 p.m. Saturday, April 19.

NCUR

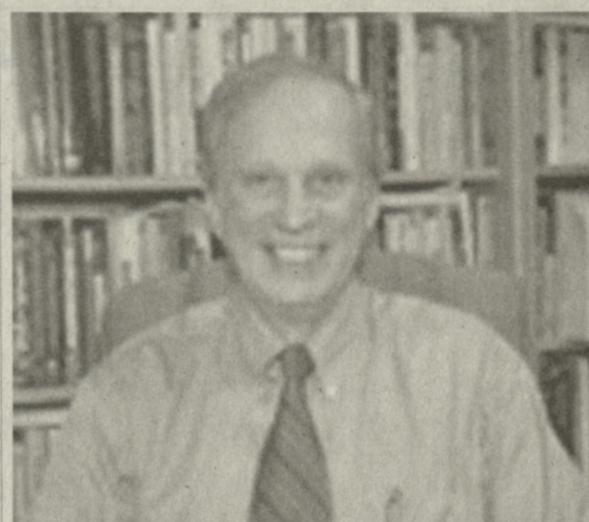
The documentaries illustrated an assortment of principles and ethics. This included the longer film Bednar presented which exhibited revealing factors in the Tibet/China conflict. "Things are never black and white. They're always going to be gray," Bednar said.

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SU students thank Dr. Basehart

A final farewell to a man who taught with his heart



SU Web site photo

Dr. Harry Baschart will retire after 37 years at SU.

By Brandon M. Smith
Staff Writer

Dr. Harry Baschart, Professor of political science and co-director of the Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE), is retiring after teaching

for 37 years at Salisbury University. In those years, Dr. Baschart has helped and inspired countless students in and out of the classroom while constantly reminding them that "one vote does make a difference."

"I've never seen a professor so determined that we as students succeed in the real world and the classroom. He spends so much time for students before and after graduation, making sure that they achieve their dreams," said senior Justin Ritter.

"Dr. B has had a huge impact on my life. Without his help I would not have had the experience in the Maryland General Assembly. He has encouraged me to go above and beyond what I ever thought I could achieve," said Katelyn Rozenbrook, a 2007 SU alumna.

"Dr. Baschart has done so much for so many. He has really helped me make the best out of my college career. I couldn't have asked for a better advisor," said senior Mike Hawkins.

"Dr. Baschart is one of the most amazing human beings that I have ever had the pleasure known. He was always there for his students no matter what, even when he was not on campus. He put his heart and soul into making sure that his students were taken care of and I can honestly say that I am where I am due in large part to Dr. Baschart," said Tyler C. Patton, SU alumus and special assistant to US Senator Barbara A. Mikulski.

"Dr. Baschart has had more of an effect on me than any other teacher I have ever had. His attitude towards helping students inspired me to do better in class. It was his extra caring that made me want to do well in everything just to make him see the difference that he has had on me. I owe a lot of my collegiate success to his teachings and I credit my ambition in politics to him. He taught me that being involved really does make a difference and that I should inspire everybody to vote because each individual vote does matter," said Adam Mehan, '07 alumus.

This is only a small fraction of the lives that Dr. Baschart has touched and I think all of Dr. Baschart's students and co-workers will agree that it was an honor to have had him as a teacher and friend throughout his years here at Salisbury. He will be sorely missed. Thanks for everything, Dr. B, and best wishes in this new chapter of your life.

The Social Work Department at Salisbury University has been expanding over the past few years, but not just on SU's campus. A social work major from Salisbury can now be earned at three satellite locations in Maryland.

Salisbury University currently holds over 700 positions, offering a wide variety of opportunities for students to make a little cash on the side. At least 112 will be set up in the "link" halfway between the Guerrieri Center and The Commons between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Multiple employers will be present, such as the Graduate Association, Undergraduate Association, Ameri-Corp, WXSU, Campus-Rec, the GUC and several others.

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Despite the casual atmosphere, students are still advised to bring well-designed resumes and to be prepared to engage in conversation with the employers.

The initial idea came out of the need

SU social work expands to community colleges

By Sarah Janoske
Staff Writer

SU will be hosting its first annual On-Campus Job Fair this week on April 15, 16 and 17 as a means of boosting student employment and filling vacant on-campus job positions.

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The students in the social work program are using new technology in the classroom to access the material and communicate with other students around Maryland.

"If you are taking a social policy course and you're in Hagerstown,

what you see is the teacher on a flat screen television in front of the class, and the teacher sees you

the same way. I could have students in front of me on campus for class and at the satellite, or it could just be in one location, but they will all get the same information and they can interact with other students through the television," Dr. Tossey said.

This past semester, the Social Work Department has been trying to work out any technical problems that have occurred using this new technology to teach classes.

"There were technical problems earlier on in terms of having the right equipment or if the system went down for a period of time during class. It's a difficult system to get used to, but the technical problems for faculty have been fixed. I feel most of us find it very challenging and rewarding to utilize technology to teach the curriculum," Dr. Tossey explained.

Some students, on the other hand, have not found the use of the technology in their classes to be as rewarding.

Dr. Tossey said, "Student frustration has been around technical problems and not liking the online expectations that come with their classes, but some do."

CONGRATULATIONS!

WE MADE IT THROUGH NCUR 22!

THANKS TO ALL OF

THE VOLUNTEERS AND

EVENT COORDINATORS:

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Texas polygamist compound evacuated after sexual and physical abuse of minors is reported



Internet photo

Women and children prepare to leave the Texas polygamist compound in which they have been enslaved their entire lives.

By Kristen Manion
Staff Writer

The call came from a terrified 16-year-old girl, already a mother with an 8-month-old infant and pregnant for a second time. She whispered to a representative from a local domestic violence shelter that she had been forced to marry a man three times her age, becoming his seventh wife. He sexually assaulted her and beat her whenever he lost his temper, often while the other women in the house held the girl's infant.

The unidentified girl had looked into the possibility of escape, but like the other young people who lived in the compound, had been told that on "the outside," in a world completely foreign to her, she would be forced to "cut her hair, wear makeup and have sex with numerous men," according to CNN; all of which are condemned by the Fundamentalist Church of Latter-Day Saints (FLDS).

After a series of these phone calls, local police were prompted to investigate the claims. On Thursday, April 3, state troopers and local child welfare advocates raided the "Yearning for Zion" (YFZ) ranch in Eldorado, Texas. The investigation into child abuse alle-

a minor and sexual misconduct by arranging the marriage of a 14-year-old girl to her 19-year-old first cousin, who was already married.

The Church of Latter-Day Saints does not recognize the Fundamentalist church as a part of the Mormon religion. The FLDS broke away from the main Church of Latter-Day Saints in 1890, when the church officially banned polygamy in order to gain Utah's statehood.

Over a week after the raid, the state of Texas has called in over 500 volunteers and mental health professionals for "intensive counseling" and to place the children in new educational environments. The state's plan is to completely remove the children from the fundamentalist church and place them in its stead.

Quaid's twins were life-threateningly ill. Dennis Quaid, the actor, has been hospitalized with a drug overdose. His wife, Kimberly, has formed a foundation to combat medical errors.

Triggers listed as effective in mitigating drug errors in patients that have already been mistreated include drugs like naloxone, an antidote used in killer overdose situations.

The researchers noted that errors must be prevented by using proactive, aggressive, evidence-based prevention strategies," according to CNN.

Traditional drug error prevention deals with general chart reviews of

the children had been taught from an early age to fear the outside world, so authorities expect the transition to be a long and difficult one. The children were "abused or at risk of being abused," said Marleigh Meisner, a regional spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

The YFZ remains restricted to the public, and men who live on the compound are banned from returning. The 139 women and their children are well come to return if they wish, pending the end of the investigation.

The drug errors found in the study included, besides overdoses like the Quaid family experienced, the administration of medicine to the wrong patient and unwanted drug affects.

The researchers, using a new method, found startling evidence showing much higher drug errors than past research. 11 out of every 100 hospitalized children experience harmful episodes due to drug errors.

Actor Dennis Quaid (above) nearly lost his twins to an accidental overdose.

Clinton advisor resigns after criticizing Obama

First Baptist Ch
Eldorado, Texas

Internet photo

Women and children are evacuated via bus early in the investigation.

Teens charged with assault for YouTube video



Internet photo

8 teens (above) have been charged with assaulting a 16-year-old girl.

By Sean Gossard
News/Global Editor

On March 30, six girls attacked Victoria Lindsay, 16, for a video that they planned to post on YouTube. Two other boys were held in connection to the assault, but were only look-outs. One was an adult and the other a minor.

The video has been described as an "animalistic attack" by Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd on NBC's "Today Show." Several screen shots of the video show the victim, Lindsay, being backed into a corner and hit multiple times in the head. The video lasted almost 30

minutes overall.

According to Sheriff Grady he incident started over alleged comments made by Lindsay on the social networking site MySpace.

Lindsay was staying with one of the attackers, Mercedes Nichols, for spring break when the attack occurred. Lindsay entered Nichols' home when two girls started yelling at her and insulting her. Following that, Lindsay went into a bedroom where April Cooper was hiding.

On Wednesday, Bill Shaheen, who is co-chairman of the Clinton campaign in New Hampshire told a Washington Post reporter "the Republicans are not going to win without a fight and one of the things they're certainly going to jump on is his drug use...It'll be,

"When was the last time? Did you ever give drugs to anyone? Did you sell them to anyone? There are so many openings for Republican dirty tricks. It's hard to overcome."

The judge has already issued a gag order forbidding the girls to speak publicly about the incident.

As of now prosecutors will be charging the six girls, whose ages range from 14 to 16, as adults.

"It was a pack mentality and they really didn't care how bad they hurt her," said Sheriff Grady Judd in an interview with central Florida News.

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Study finds drug errors affect many hospitalized children

By Matthew J. Harhai
Staff Writer

Less than four percent of the problem is due to hospital staff recording errors.

The new monitoring method developed for the study is a list of 15 "triggers" on young patients' charts that suggest possible drug-related harm," said a CNN article, with "specific antidotes for drug overdoses, suspicious side effects and certain lab tests."

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The researchers noted that errors must be prevented by using proactive, aggressive, evidence-based prevention strategies," according to CNN.

Traditional drug error prevention deals with general chart reviews of

patients and encouraging an honor system of error recording.

Safety experts agree with Dr. Homer's statement, they say the problem is probably larger than it seems, said CNN.

Quaid offers some advice for prevention, "Every time a caregiver comes into the room, I would check and ask the nurse what they're giving them and why," Quaid said.

The Quaids and their publicized crisis has provoked a lot of press attention.

After the experience, Dennis and his wife Kimberly formed a foundation to combat medical errors.

The twins Thomas Boone and Zoë Grace, after their brush with death, are now nearly five months old and healthy.

Amy Sturtevant - freshman

Clayton Alsup - senior

Kiernan Waters - sophomore

Linda Abresch - faculty

Stephen Abresch - junior

Zach Haney - senior

EDITORIAL

April 8, 2008

Overheard:

Photos and article by: Sarah Wright



"Construction Methods For The Musical Instruments Of The Appalachian South."



"The Whistler presentation."



"Dharma Bums."



"The West and the Wild."



"The Nietzsche presentation."



"Mine."

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Does the popular vote have a chance?

By Mary Simonds
Staff Writer

It has been said that this upcoming election is one of the most important elections in our history. There has been a lot of controversy over each candidate as well as controversies over health care, the war on terrorism and taxes. The nation has prepared itself for a long upcoming presidential election and Maryland has decided to reject the Electoral College. Why? Because Maryland believes the Electoral College needs a makeover.

Governor Martin O'Malley and the Annapolis legislature made Maryland the first state in the nation to decide that its Electoral College members should someday be required to vote for the presidential candidate that the majority of the country votes for.

Through the United States Electoral College, voters of each state formally elect the United States President and Vice President. Each state has as many electors as it does US Representatives and US Senators (10 in Maryland). In all but two states, the candidate who receives the plurality of the popular vote in the state receives all of its electoral votes.

This change would not be put in place until most states agreed on it. There would have to be a 270-vote majority in the Electoral College, and Maryland has 10 of those votes. If this change took effect, it is something that could benefit all Americans, especially the voters who are ignored when presidential candidates only focus on a few battleground states. A battleground state, also known as a swing state, is a state in which no candidate has overwhelming support. These states

are targets for presidential candidates because winning these states is the best chance for a party to win votes. In 2004 there were only 16 battleground states.

This reform movement that Maryland supports is driven by a bipartisan coalition called National Popular Vote. It has a long way to go, but Hawaii is close to approving it, and many legislatures are considering change in more than 40 other states. Doing this is a way around amending the Constitution, which would require the approval of three-quarters of the states. This would give veto power in the hands of smaller states that are overrepresented in the college.

I believe that the popular vote should be a bigger factor in determining the president of the United States. Although changes in the Constitution could pose major problems, I think it is something the United States should at least consider. Our founding fathers created the Electoral College to limit the power of the federal government, but it is now 200 years later. I believe in democracy and respect the will of the people. To me, this means that we should ensure that the election of our president is decided by the popular vote.

The need to change the way our country decides on a president was made very clear in the 2000 election. George W. Bush lost the popular vote by about 544,000 votes but won in the Supreme Court, meaning he won the election. I do agree with Maryland in that the president needs to be determined by the popular vote.

And who is to say that family are the only ones that we wish to have in attendance? To many people, friends are just as important as family. If you are wondering if I am experiencing this problem of too few tickets, the answer is, I am sure you have guessed, is: YES! I have two sisters, seven aunts, six uncles, two sets of grandparents, and 22 cousins...and a part-time in a peer tree. I know it may seem as if I am being a little overzealous, but each one of those people has had a major influence in my life and we are all extremely close. So to say

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Zimbabwe's electoral crisis a challenge for troublesome Africa



Internet photo
It is suspected that president Robert Mugabe (above) has been withholding the results of the March 29 Zimbabwe elections because he was not reelected. His party has demanded a recount.

By Jeremy Riffle
Staff Writer

On March 29, the Republic of Zimbabwe held a presidential election. In the 28 years since Zimbabwe has been independent, it has been ruled by one man, Robert Mugabe. The recent election may have brought the end to Mugabe's rule, but no one can know for certain because, as of two weeks after the election, the results have not been released by the government of Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe today is one of the most desperate states in the world. According to the World Health Organization, the people of Zimbabwe have the some of the shortest life expectancies in the world, 43 years for males and 42 years for females. Economically, the country is in a virtual freefall with the rate of inflation rapidly rising; it is predicted that the rate will rise to 400,000 percent within the next few weeks. Inflation is so bad that the Zimbabwean government has begun printing Zimbabwean currency in denominations up to 50 million Zimbabwean dollars.

With Zimbabwe in such a poor state, it requires very little conjecture that if fair elections were held, Mugabe would be voted out of office. The fact that the Zimbabwean Electoral Commission has refused to release the results of the election all but confirms that the results were not what Mugabe expected. Interestingly enough, Mugabe's party has demanded a recount, despite the fact that the results are supposedly unknown.

Mugabe's actions have also become repressive and vindictive. Election officials involved with counting the ballots have been arrested, some facing charges such as "depriving President Mugabe of votes" and supporters of the opposition have been violently harassed.

Of course, when one takes into account the behavior of Mugabe and his supporters during the election proper, these measures seem less far-fetched. For example, during the election, Mugabe labeled the opposition to his regime "boot-licking British stooges, the traitors and sell-outs, the political witches and

political prostitutes, political charlatans and the two-headed political creatures." In addition to Mugabe's name-calling, other bad behavior by his administration included government officials ordering their subordinates to vote for Mugabe.

In response to the crisis in Zimbabwe, the South African Development Community, an organization of southern African states, called an emergency meeting to address the situation. Regrettably, during the first day of the summit, the President of South Africa, Thabo Mbeki, claimed that there is not a crisis in Zimbabwe and what has been occurring is instead "a normal electoral process."

Africa has been frequently portrayed as a troublesome continent, with more than its fair share of dictators, conflicts, coups and lawlessness. The situation in Zimbabwe is an opportunity for the African community to keep order in its own neighborhood and to show the world that Africa is capable of handling its own affairs.



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Over 400 children taken from polygamist compound Underage girls forced to marry, have sex with older men

By Derek Pettinelli
Staff Writer

In Eldorado, Texas, there is a 1,700-acre spot of land that has been linked to Warren Jeffs, the infamous leader of the controversial 10,000-member Mormon polygamist sect called the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Jeffs, whose title in the church was "President and Prophet, Seer and Revelator," gained international notoriety in May 2006, when he was placed on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List for allegedly marrying adult males to underage girls. He was sentenced to 10 years to life in prison this past Nov. as an accomplice to rape for forcing a 14-year-old girl to marry her 19-year-old first cousin. The more mainstream Mormon religion, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, officially denounced polygamy over 100 years ago; they continue to try to distance themselves from radical sects that still practice it.

Prior to entering the compound, there was a tense standoff with police that concluded in them being allowed to peacefully enter the isolated compound, which had been under surveillance for a year. The long period of time for surveillance was due to the lack of complaints regarding the compound, which kept police from having the probable cause that would have allowed investigations earlier on. Even after

139 women and 416 children were taken into state custody after a call from a distressed 16-year-old girl prompted the large-scale raid of the compound. In the call, the girl

had said that she was abused,

forced to marry a 50-year-old man and had a baby eight months ago. The compound was self-contained and thrived on isolation from the outside world, keeping all of the members in the dark regarding the world around them. The young girl who called also stated that the compound contained a medical facility, a school, a cheese-making plant, a cement plant, large housing facilities and a large limestone temple. The women from the compound all wore homemade, ankle-length conservative dresses as they boarded school buses away from the compound. Among the abuses reported, some girls as young as 14 and 15 were already mothers, which made the transportation more complicated.

Religious sects like this show the stark contrast of livelihood that many people still have to deal with, even in 2008. The women were treated like property, forced to treat their husbands like gods, having no option but to completely obey them. Women would often fight for the approval of their husband, with less favored wives being relegated to slaves of the more favored wives. Brainwashing is a staple of cults like this, calling all outsiders evil and disallowing anything that would cause people to question their stringent belief system. Even though hundreds of people have been removed from this compound, their real challenge lies in trying to adapt to life outside of the compound.



Internet photo
Hundreds of women, young girls and infants are evacuated from the Texas polygamist ranch.

17-year-old murdered by illegal alien

By Rich Devine
Staff Writer

On March 2, Jamie Shaw, 17, was randomly murdered in Los Angeles, allegedly by illegal alien Pedro Espinoza, 19, who is a gang member. Shaw was a star football player and student who was walking towards his home when he was shot. He was sought after by such schools as Stanford University and Rutgers University for his talent and had a mother who was serving her second tour of duty in Iraq.

Espinoza was a documented member of the Los-Angeles-based 18th Street gang. The gang is well known for criminal activity, and Espinoza himself was released from jail just 28 hours prior to allegedly committing murder. Espinoza was serving time

for assault with a deadly weapon, and this was not the only violation on his rap sheet.

If this isn't something that makes you angry, then it very well should. A question that comes to mind after hearing about such an occurrence is why wasn't this criminal, who was here illegally, deported? Los Angeles has a "sanctuary city" policy. This means it prevents police from enforcing our immigration laws against any illegal aliens, including gang members.

There is absolutely no legitimate reason to extend "sanctuary city" protection to gang members, a policy which is costing lives. Regardless of your parts of the country is to the detriment of law-abiding citizens. The city is not only hurting citizens by protecting criminal aliens but is breaking federal law. It is difficult to understand why the city values the protection of criminal illegal aliens above the protection of its legal citizens.

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I'm a freshman at Salisbury and I've never had a boyfriend. I'm really shy and scared to talk to boys. Besides being shy, my friends tell me I'm really fun to be around and pretty. How can I overcome my shyness and finally have a boyfriend?"

Try not to put too much pressure on actually getting a boyfriend. If you overcome your shyness first, things will become easier and guys will become easier to talk to. Instead of looking for a boyfriend, look for guys as friends. They will get to know you on a friend level and things will take off from there. Maybe they are intimidated by you or think you do not like them because you are shy. Practice being more outgoing by talking to people in your classes and asking them what they are doing that weekend. Ask your girlfriends to bring over their boyfriends' friends and have them introduce you. If you are hanging out as a group it will be less intimidating and you will be more open and less shy. Find common interests with people and the conversation will take off from there. You may not have found someone worth going out with yet either, which is good. Dating someone takes time and is not effortless. Do not expect yourself to get a boyfriend overnight but branch out, talk to people, overcome your shyness and wait for someone to realize how much fun you really are.

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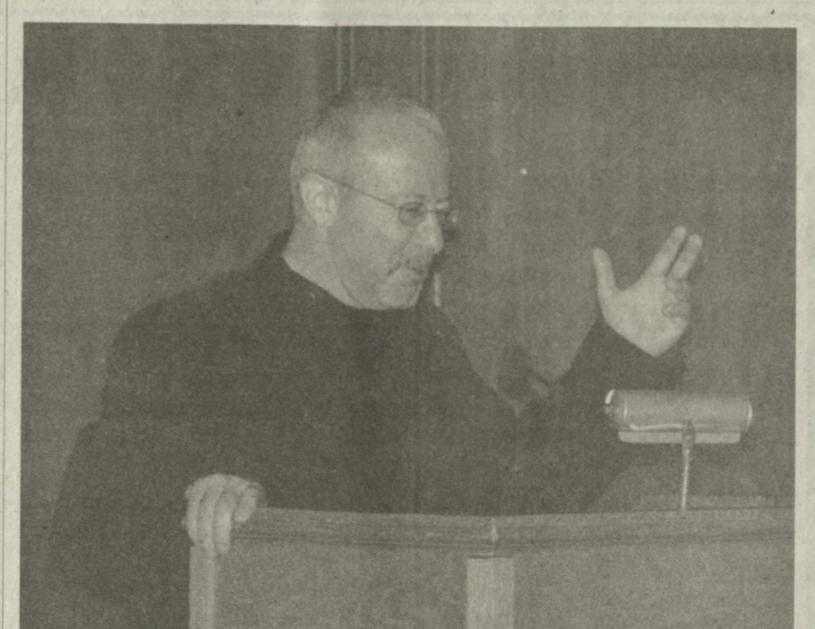
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As hard as it may be to accept this, your parents are right. College campuses are safe, but students are not invincible to what happens if you are walking home from a party at night. Talk to your parents about what concerns them and let them know that you follow good safety tips to protect yourself. Always use the buddy system, especially if you are coming home at night. Do not let one of your friends walk home alone, even if he or she insists. With media coverage constantly talking about the dangers of college campuses, it is hard not to blame your parents for being so worried. A frightening fact is that 90 percent of rapes occur between people who already know each other, and almost half of them happen on actual dates. Take your time getting to know your date before you actually "go out" with them. Stay with a group of people at parties and avoid deserted areas. Avoid excessive alcohol use. More than 70,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 have been victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or date rape. Be on alert for people who are around your drinks. They could easily slip a "date rape" drug in the drink and you would be completely unaware. Hold your drink at all times and refill it yourself. Tell someone you trust your date's name, destination, and planned time of return and take taxi fare with you in case you want to leave. While walking around campus, walk in lighted areas, in a group if possible, keep your hands free and not overloaded, and have your keys ready. If you fear you are being followed, cross the street, scream, and run to an occupied residence or store. Never walk home if you fear you are being followed. Always lock your car and avoid walking through a parking lot alone at night. Ask someone to escort you and check the back seat of your car before driving away. Follow your instincts. If something does not feel right, call University Police or 911.

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The New York Times describes Andrei Codrescu (above) as "one of the most prodigiously talented and magical writers."

By Danny Ross

Staff Writer

As part of the English Department's *Writers on the Shore* series this spring, author and poet Andrei Codrescu gave a lecture in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall last Wednesday. Codrescu read poetry from his new book of poems, *If It Was Today*, and from some of his older works. A reception and book signing followed in the Social Room of Holloway Hall.

Codrescu was born in Communist Romania in 1946 but immigrated to the United States in 1966 when he was just 19 years old. Although he arrived in the US, knowing only six words of English, Codrescu published his first book of poems, *Licensed to Carry a Gun*, just four

"Mesiah," a novel chronicling the onset of millennial fever; *Casanova in Bohemia*, about the 18th-century illuminist philosopher and adventurer Giacomo Casanova; and *Waleefield*, a novel about an inspirational speaker who makes a deal with the devil at the end of the 20th Century.

Codrescu's work is highly regarded and has been translated into languages such as Romanian, French, German, Spanish, Japanese, Greek, Czech, Slovakian and Russian. In praise of his poetry, *The New York Times* calls Andrei Codrescu "one of our most prodigiously talented and magical writers."

Dr. Michael Waters, Professor of American Literature and Creative Writing at Salisbury University, had this to say about Andrei Codrescu: "What I love and so admire in Andrei Codrescu's work is its spontaneity, its flashes of brilliance, its humor and its rampant horniness. He writes out of all aspects of his personality, and that personality constantly reinvents itself."

Codrescu has received awards such as the George Foster Peabody Award, the ACLU Freedom of Speech Award, Big Table Poetry Award, the Towson State University Literature Prize and the General Electric Foundation Poetry Prize. He has also been awarded National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships for poetry, editing and radio.

Codrescu is currently the MacCurdy Distinguished Professor of English at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge and resides in New Orleans, his adopted home.

SOAP n' ACES to hold Vera Bradley Bingo for Relay



Check out Vera Bradley bingo on April 20 in the Wicomico Room to win authentic merchandise and help the American Cancer Society.

By Samantha Sullivan

Staff Writer

Want to enjoy an afternoon playing bingo while winning authentic Vera Bradley merchandise and helping the American Cancer Society? The Salisbury University Student Activity Office for Activity Planning is participating in Relay for Life® this May at SU and wants to raise money for their team.

The event was originally sched-

and your friends. All of the proceeds will be going to the American Cancer Society," said Katie Ryan. Ryan is the comedy chair for SOAP and their team captain for Relay for Life®.

The team, who call themselves the "SOAPn' ACES," welcomes anyone from the surrounding community to come play and raise money for their cause. If you are lucky, you may leave with some fabulous prizes.

The Vera Bradley prizes have been graciously donated by the SU Bookstore and VP Shoes, though some of them were purchased by the team members themselves.

"We have some really cool prizes. The bags are really cute," Ryan said. Even if you are not a girl, or do not care for Vera Bradley, everyone is still welcome to play for fun or to win prizes for someone they know while benefiting a good cause.

Concessions will be available at low cost during the games and will include snacks, pizza, drinks, etc. "We wanted to keep it cheap for the students," Ryan said. These proceeds will also be helping the "SOAPn' ACES" reach their fundraising goal for this year's Relay event.

Information is located on flyers around campus and in the SOAP office in GUC. If anyone has questions about the event or needs ticket information, they can contact the SOAP office of Salisbury University at soap@salisbury.edu.

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HEALTH COLUMN

STDs

By Sarah Brinton

Staff Writer

College life brings to light many new experiences for young adults. Getting out from under the thumb of parents frees college students into unfamiliar and sometimes exciting situations. Besides hitting the books, recent high school graduates find themselves at college parties that can involve alcohol, drugs and sex.

Cautious is in order should you participate in these activities. Some college students claim they will only have sex with someone they know well, trust, or even love. However, by throwing alcohol and drugs in the mix, mistakes can happen.

Always use common sense, especially if you decide to use alcohol. Practice the buddy system when you party. Go with a responsible friend and watch out for each other. If you feel intoxicated, get a safe ride home with a sober friend or use a taxi service. Date rape drugs are prevalent today as are the predators that use them on their unsuspecting victims. You should guard any open drink—alcoholic or not. It pays to be defensive.

Alcohol and drugs have their own safety and health consequences. Sex can have some uncomfortable and deadly consequences as well. Even if precaution is used, there is no fool-proof method to safe sex. Health risks also come from oral and anal sex. However, if you decide to take the risk and responsibility of sex, protect yourself and your partner with birth control and latex condoms.

Pregnancy is a serious consideration when becoming sexually active. Ask yourself the questions: Am I ready for the responsibility of a child? Where do I want to be and who do I want to be with in the next five years? Do I even want children? Talk to someone who has children, preferably a young adult. They will most likely advise you to plan for a family after your life is more stable.

The major health risks involved with sex are Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs). The most serious of these are Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). However, there are many other STDs. The SU Student Health Services Web site cited the following national data: "The most common STDs among college-age students are Human Papilloma Virus, Herpes Simplex Virus and Chlamydia." Other STDs include Gonorrhea, Genital Warts, Syphilis and Trichomoniasis, to name a few. Some are curable and others are not.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Web site, symptoms for several of these STDs include abnormal discharge, discomfort during sex and while urinating, irritation and itching in genital areas, bumps, sores and rashes, fever, headache and stomach pains. If you have any related symptoms, see a member of the SHS staff or your healthcare provider. The bad news is that tests are not 100 percent effective.

A yearly pelvic exam, pap smear, and blood test are the best ways to detect an STD. Getting tested after unprotected sex is crucial for early detection. Tests can be done at SHS for a fee. SHS is available to help all SU students through new and unfamiliar college experiences.

If you think the odds of getting an STD are slim, you better think again. The SHS Web site states that by age 24, at least one out of every four Americans is infected with an STD. People under the age of 25 account for approximately two-thirds of all new STD infections. Don't become a statistic.

Make your college experience healthy and happy. Abstinence, protected sex and regular medical exams can save you years of anguish. With freedom comes responsibility, so protect your future by making the right choices.

By Lindsay Dickinson

Staff Writer

Every spring all Greek organizations come together for a week full of competitions during Greek Week. At the end of the week, one fraternity and one sorority will be named the 2008 Greek Week Champions.

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LIFE AND STYLE
In recognition of Disability Awareness Month, *The Flyer*
would like to celebrate the life and achievements of
Christopher Reeve



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Christopher Reeve

By Katelyn Johnson
Staff Writer

Superman's drive.
Reeve was competing in an equestrian event competition, a combination of dressage, cross country, and show jumping, on the fateful day that his horse balked at a jump, throwing Reeve off first. He was left instantly paralyzed and unable to breath. Emergency surgery to literally reattach Reeve's head saved his life and after six months of intense rehabilitation he was able to return home, though completely dependent on an electric wheelchair.

Almost 10 years after his accident, Reeve went into cardiac arrest after receiving an antibiotic for an infection he was fighting off. Eighteen hours later, on Oct. 10, 2004 Reeve died at the age of 52. His legacy, however, continues to affect people through the work and foundations he left behind.

Reeve himself said, "What I do is based on powers we all have inside us, the ability to endure, the ability to love, to carry on, to make the best of what we have — and you don't have to be a Superman to do it."

Students spend spring break in Costa Rica

By Kellie Madden
Staff Writer

This spring break, the Global Program Service Group of eight Salisbury students spent their vacation caring for 37-plus children living in a foster home in Cartago, Costa Rica.

Dr. Jill Caviglia-Harris supervised the students on this first alternative spring break trip. The main objective of the students was to occupy the children while they were out of school for their Easter vacation.

"When we would get there in the morning the kids were all so excited to see you," said participant Aidan Tacheron. "Within two minutes of walking in the door we were greeted into human jungle gyms."

Dan Caton, another student participating in the trip, said they planned a

lot of activities with the children, including going to the park, scavenger hunts, relay races and jump rope. Along with these activities the students also aided the children with hygiene issues, such as nail clipping, hair cuts and house cleaning.

The program was initiated by the Economics Society after several fundraising events. To help with program costs, students held many fundraising activities including several poker tournaments, a 5K run, a bingo game, as well as odd jobs for SU faculty and staff and members of the local community. As a result, students were able to raise enough money to reduce the cost of the program by a substantial amount.

The program was arranged by Cross-Cultural Solutions (CCS), an international not-for-profit organization founded in 1995. CCS is a recog-

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You'll join other cancer survivors in opening our Relay by walking the first lap of the event and in celebrating at the reception in your honor that precedes the Opening Ceremonies. Sign-in and Registration will be at the Survivor Tent starting at 5 PM. The Relay Opening Ceremony, Survivor and Caregiver first lap will begin at 6 PM, followed by lighting of the luminaria at dusk. Please invite your caregiver to take the victory lap with you and to join you for the reception.

Please kindly contact our student survivor, Ali Horkey (ah55841@students.salisbury.edu) or RSVP online at <http://events.cancer.org/rflsurley> to register.

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Student Athlete Spotlight Maddie Goetz



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SU lacrosse player Maddie Goetz

By Erin Hart
Staff Writer

Maddie Goetz is a sophomore at Salisbury University and attended Fallston High School. She played field hockey and soccer along with lacrosse when she was growing up.

I have always just loved sports in general. I played soccer and field hockey too and I think I fell in love with lacrosse after my first game when I scored my first goal, which is ironic because now I play defense," Maddie said. She has two sisters, Katie, 28, and Ali, 24. Goetz was

captain of both her high school lacrosse and field hockey teams her senior year. She plays defense for the SU women's lacrosse team. Maddie is majoring in history and working on a minor in secondary education. "I'm going to be a history teacher," Maddie says.

What is your favorite food?

Crabs! I'm a true Maryland girl, you got to love crabs.

Do you have another lacrosse team you like?

I don't really have a favorite girls team besides us but there are so many different programs that I respect. We watched Northwestern play Hopkins last year when we were on our way back from an away game and just watching their level of play was awesome.

Would you ever want to coach after college?

I've had such a good experience with coaches. My high school field hockey coach, Alice Puckett, was just amazing. She taught me so much and I was scared I would be told that I work as hard as she does. Both my sisters are best friends, but Ali has always been there for me to tell me that I'm doing great and when I need to pick it up a little bit...or pick it up a lot!

What do you like to do in your free time?

I'm pretty much up for anything, I love hanging out with my friends, going to the beach, going to the movies, and just having a good time.

The Redskins started the victorious atmosphere by winning their last four regular season games and securing a wild card spot in the NFC playoffs. This season was a welcome change of pace after last year's 5-11 campaign.

The Capitals began the year as one of the NHL's worst teams. On November 23, with a record of 6-14-1, the team fired head coach Glen Hanlon and replaced him with Bruce Boudreau. Under Boudreau, the team won 37 out of its last 59. "Everyone wrote them off, but Ovechkin keeps them in prime position," said Derek Smith, a senior at Salisbury and avid D.C. sports fan. MVP favorite Alexander Ovechkin leads the NHL in scoring with 65 goals and 112 points.

The Wizards experienced a tumultuous season that witnessed its share of high and low points. The team started out by losing its first five contests and star player Gilbert Arenas. The team managed to stay competitive, and Arenas returned to action last week. "They have a good chance to go on a run in the playoffs now that Gilbert is back," Smith said.

If winning is contagious then there is still hope for the Washington Nationals and the long baseball season ahead.

Let's go O's!

By Tom Watson
Staff Writer

The Baltimore Orioles came out of spring training sporting a decade straight of losing seasons and it looked to be much of the same as they lost their 2008 season opener. However, they split that series and then went on to sweep the Seattle Mariners in a four-game set, the first time since 1999, to boost their record to 6-1, the best in the American League East.

"It's great for our team, and I think success builds confidence, no question about it, especially at this level," said Baltimore manager Dave Trembley. All of the off-season moves the club made also seem to be paying off. They rid themselves of stars Miguel Tejada and Erik Bedard for a slew of young talents, including pitcher Dennis Sarfate.

If pitching was the O's weakness the last few seasons, so far this year, it has been their unforeseen strength. They have allowed just two runs in the first 21 1/2 innings of the season (.04 ERA). "We're playing great. We're getting great pitching out of our bullpen, that's what you need," first baseman Kevin Millar said.

The Toronto Blue Jays, New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox were all picked to finish the season better than the Orioles. Two weeks in the season, only the Yankees are above .500 and the Red Sox are uncharacteristically sitting at the bottom of the division.

It seems fitting that the Orioles start the season with a barrage of victories only to disappoint, as past history suggests. But the Orioles are off to their best start since 1998 and have a new look, a new attitude and a winning record. So for the time being, Orioles fans are excited for what it feels like to win and be excited for the upcoming season.

Baseball finishes perfect conference season

By Philip Speake
Staff Writer

The SU baseball team (32-1, 18-0 CAC) won their 31st and 32nd straight games in convincing fashion this past Sunday against the University of Mary Washington. In the doubleheader, Salisbury took the first game, 16-2, in seven innings and won game two, 18-9, in nine innings.

Salisbury finished their regular season conference schedule by going 18-0 and will hold the top seed when the tournament begins, allowing this weekend's match-up to be a possible preview of the conference championship. By finishing the conference season undefeated, Salisbury became the first team since UMW in 2005 to finish regular season play unbeaten.

In the second game, Salisbury picked up right where they left off. After a UMW double play in the beginning of the first inning, the Sea Gulls went on to score eight runs in the first frame. All of the Sea Gull's runs came from seven singles and four walks in the inning. The Sea Gulls never looked back completing their perfect conference record (18-0). Senior Ryan Bennick (9-0) got the win for Salisbury, pitching six strong innings. At the plate every member of the starting lineup reached base and recorded a hit. Salisbury also had a player from every position on the field score a run in the game. In total there were 16 hits, 18 runs and 10 men

did not work out well for the Eagles. Brill gave up runs in each of the first four innings, lasting only three and a third. Junior Jordan Crystal was the catalyst for the Sea Gulls from the top of the order, batting 3-4 with three RBIs. Freshmen Will Evans and Andrew Miller continued their strong rookie season with three hits apiece. Evans finished the game with five RBIs and a home run. Taking the hill was Dustin Herbert, another freshman having a strong season. Herbert gave up only one earned run in six innings, improving his record to 9-0 on the season. Freshmen Alex Duda pitched the final inning completing the victory.

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Freshman Andrew Miller belts one of his three hits against University of Mary Washington on Sunday's doubleheader.

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Men's LAX ends strong before CAC



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SU lacrosse rolls past St. Mary's College and secures No. 1 seed heading into the Capital Athletic Conference Championships.

By Rachel Grau
Staff Writer

With May quickly approaching, the regular season of men's lacrosse came to an end with the Sea Gulls chalking up another win. On Friday, the Salisbury University men's

lacrosse team battled Capital Athletic Conference rival St. Mary's College in a 7 p.m. game under the lights. The Sea Gulls ended the regular season strong, ending the game in a 23-4 victory over the Seahawks and launching them into the top seed of the CAC tournament.

Sea Gulls
SPORTS BEAT
Women's Lacrosse

Salisbury won for the first time ever at TCNJ on Saturday. The No. 1 Sea Gulls defeated the No. 2 Lions 11-10 on a Sue Ackermann goal in overtime. Ackermann scored a game-high seven goals.

This was the second No. 1 vs. No. 2 match-up for SU in three weeks. A fast-paced first half saw the nation's top two teams go into the half tied at 6-6.

TCNJ came out fast, scoring the first two goals and giving them their largest lead of the day, 8-6. Ackermann scored the game's next two goals to tie the game. TCNJ's Toni-Anne Cavallo put the Lions ahead with 14 minutes left. SU's Ashleigh Gender scored back-to-back goals 41 seconds later to put the Gulls up 10-9 with under 10 to play. TCNJ's Leigh Mitchell tied the game at 2:05, eventually sending it into OT. Ackermann ended the game in OT on her second free position goal of the game.

SU closes out their regular season schedule when they visit rival UMW on Thursday, April 17, at 4:30 p.m.

Softball

The SU softball team split games with UMW on Thursday. The Gulls took game one 3-2 and dropped the second 3-5. The loss snapped SU's 10-game winning streak.

In the first game SU scored early, putting up one run in the first inning and two in the third. Ali Ritter went 2-for-3 with two runs and a double. Starting pitcher Stacy Davis (13-3) pitched five scoreless innings before giving up runs in the sixth and seventh innings. Kelsey Mills recorded the save.

In game two, UMW put up a run in the first inning to give the Eagles an early lead. UMW went on to score three more runs in the fourth. SU scored runs in the fourth, sixth and seventh innings. Kelly Waskewicz hit her CAC-leading 12th home run in the sixth. SU closes out their regular season on Sunday, April 13, against Hood College.

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		* 4:30 p.m. Women's LAX @ Mary Washington				

Softball moves atop CAC standings



Andrew Baker photo

SU softball continues to dominate at the plate. Salisbury defeated York College twice on Friday.

By Alex Ruoff
Staff Writer

The SU softball team bounced

back from their streak ending loss to Mary Washington to sweep York (PA) College in pivotal Capital Athletic Conference games that could have given the Sea Gulls the home field advantage in next week's tournament.

SU (23-7, 9-1 CAC) gave York

(21-7, 10-2 CAC) their first conference losses of the season last

Friday. The Gulls routed the

Spartans 5-1 and 11-0.

The opening game was won

defensively, as SU junior Stacy

Davis (14-3) kept York scoreless

with the help of some great ground work until the seventh

inning where York's Kelly Smith

(2-2) came in on a Michelle

Barwick single past first, but SU

shortstop Kristin Lord (2-2) and

first basemen Ali Ritter (1-4)

ended the inning with a double

play to win 5-1.

Davis allowed eight hits on five

walks and struck out eight. The

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they left 13 Spartans on base and

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It was a complete Senior Day

for SU pitcher Kortni Pedlow

(7-2), who allowed only one hit and

struck out one in the shutout.

York pitcher Megan Mickles (10-

3) gave up eight hits and 11 runs.

Sophomores Kelly Waskewicz

(3-for-6, two RBIs) and Jen

Cahall (3-for-5, three RBIs) each

had three hits in both games and

scored four combined runs.

The Friday sweep puts SU on

top of the CAC standings and

ends a nine-game winning streak

by York. The Spartans needed to

at least split the games to stay

ahead of the maroon and gold and

gain home field advantage.

York is now seed second in the

tournament starting this Tuesday.

The softball team will finish

their regular season with another

double header at Hood College

in Frederick on Sunday, April 13.

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